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Summary Information

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Administrative History

American Legion is an organization of U.S. veterans of World Wars I and II and of the Korean and Vietnam wars, chartered in 1919.

The legion aided in World War II by assisting in war bond drives, blood bank contributions, and civilian defense programs; by upholding government foreign policy; and by supporting army and navy strategy. Similar services were provided during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Exerting considerable political influence, the legion lobbied for veterans' legislation such as the G.I. Bill of Rights, for the construction of government veterans' hospitals, and for pensions and other benefits for veterans and their families.

The peacetime program in general is directed to upholding the U.S. Constitution. To this end, the legion sponsors annual youth training programs to teach the principles of American self-government and awards medals to encourage scholarship and leadership among elementary and high school students.

Affiliated with the organization is the American Legion Auxiliary for women of veterans' families. The national headquarters of the American Legion is in Indianapolis, Ind."

"American Legion". Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia. Ebscohost. 2005/02/25. <http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=funk&an=AM085000>

The Bonnie Sloan Post 28, American Legion was named after the first Floyd County Casualty of World War I, a native of Edwardsville, who died in action on June 24, 1918, just 22 days after his arrival on the front lines at Chateau Thierry, France.

On August 14th 1919, in the basement of the Elsby Building, Sherman Minton spearheaded the first organizational meeting to form the American Legion in New Albany, Indiana. As temporary chairman, Minton conducted the first meeting on September 3, 1919, with twenty-two members in attendance. Election of officers was held and the constitution was adopted. Since the inception of Post 28, members have met in various places such as the Elsby Building, Floyd County Circuit Court Room, YMCA, Armory, Calumet Club, Chamber of Commerce Building, and the VFW Post.

The first legion home purchased was the Fire House at west 4th and Market Streets in 1923, which remained the post home until 1933, when the building at East 5th and Market Streets (present VFW Home) was purchased. Soon after the 1937 flood the Bir Home located at East 13th and Main Street was purchased for the Legion Home. As World War II was ending in 1946, the Culbertson Mansion, at 914 Main Street was bought for the post home. In 1964 the Legion sold the Mansion to the New Albany Historical Society and began renovating the Carriage House behind the Mansion for the Post Home, which was destroyed by fire on June 6, 1980. The property at 431 Pearl Street was purchased on February 24, 1981. It took one year to excavate and renovate the property into a nice facility for the members. On March 20, 1982, the first function held in the Post Home was the Legion birthday celebration. In 1993 the Legion purchased 4.5 acres of Land at 1930 McDonald Lane and built their FIRST NEW POST HOME, which opened for business on December 4, 1994, with post dedication ceremonies being held on February, 18, 1995.

Taken from <http://www.bonniesloanpost28.org>

"Bonnie Sloan Post #28". Retrieved 2015/07/30. <http://nafclibrary.org/american-legion-post-28/>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a typed list from Bonnie Sloan Post #28 in New Albany, Indiana in 1947 regarding membership and 2 sheets of blank letterhead.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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Publication Information

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